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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jörg ADLER et al.

Group Art Unit : 1723

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(National Stage of PCT/EP99/09479)

Examiner : Menon

I.A. Filed : December 3, 1999

For : **CERAMIC MULTILAYER FILTERS
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 8, 2004**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until July 8, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which appears in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, filed March 15, 2004. Because the Final Office Action holds claims 44 and 45 to be withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention, Applicants include a listing of claims herein indicating the current status of each of the pending claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is a **Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in Response to final Office Action Mailed April 8, 2004** in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ___ A Request for Extension of Time.
- X No additional fee is required.

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X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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